

CAROC
December 10, 2017
Meeting Notes

On Sunday December 10, 2017, your Board of Directors conducted its last meeting of the year. Members present were: Dennis Sbertoli, Sandy GaNun, Marco Battistoni, Dave Johnson Tony Calvaliere, Barb Carroll, George Mikhail and Chip Van Sant. Present also were Wayne Seely and Don Brubaker who manage our track and web activities. We also had the pleasure to welcome new member Wayne Toberman. We learned Wayne was an ALFA guy years ago and has recently returned to the flock with a recently acquired 1986 Spider. We extend a hearty welcome to Wayne. I'm sure he will be a great addition to the group. No other club members were in attendance. The next Board Meeting will be February 25, 2018 and we welcome any member's attendance. Check the web site to verify location and time. We truly want your input.

Matters on the agenda consisted of our calendar, our Blackhawk Farms track event in summer, our financial condition, officers and directors, and general events.

On the selection of officers and directors. So far two members have nominated themselves for positions on the Board. Robert Clauss and Wayne Toberman. Robert, as you may know is a long standing, active member and past president and Wayne, as described above is new to the group. Our officers and directors remain as follows: Dennis M. Sbertoli, president; Sandy GaNun vice president; Marco Battistoni secretary; Barb Carroll, treasurer; George Mikhail, director; Chip Van Sant, director; Dave Johnson director; Gregg Dezutti, director; and Tony Cavaliere remains our executive advisor.

Tentative Board meeting dates for the coming year are, February 25; June 10; September 9; and December 9. Unless altered, meetings will continue to be held at 9:00 A.M., Panera Bread-Deer Park, 20530 Rand Road, # 448, Deer Park, IL. Any changes will be announced through an email blast or on the web site.

A date of January 27, 2018 was previously set for our 2017 Banquet. George Mikhail is finalizing arrangements with 100 South Chop House and Grill in Elmhurst. Watch for further details as the date approaches.

We plan to do our annual Model Car night in conjunction with our regular March meeting. The location remains open.

We are exploring the possibility of moving our Blackhawk Farms track event up to an earlier day on the calendar, possibly May or June. Previous years saw a drop in attendance so we are, again considering partnering with other car groups. The Healey, Cobra and Lotus clubs are high on the list of potentials.

Subject to park availability we plan our annual picnic for August 12, 2017 again at Barbara Key Park in picturesque Lake In The Hills, Illinois. Dave Johnson will firm up the reservation with the park district. This, as always is one of our most attended events. The food

is great and many cars come out for the party.

We are always looking for methods to increase our membership as well as participation.

Our Fall tour, lead by Robert Clauss was a great success. From Palatine to Starved Rock, by way of Rockford. It would be great to bring back a spring tour, possibly to Starved Rock, Peoria or any other scenic drive and are looking for a tour leader. If interested drop me a note. Any such tour would be a one day event on a Saturday or Sunday in April or May. If it develops we will post more details.

We did have one significant financial setback this year. In September we were scammed out of about \$6,000.00. The scammers worked as follows: An email, purporting to be from me was sent to our Treasurer Barb which instructed her to sent a payment for “administrative expenses” to a person in Twin Falls, Idaho. This process was repeated two more times before the scam was discovered. We reported the scam to both the local authorities as well as the FBI. To date little has been accomplished to recover the money. Barb is continuing her contact with Twin Falls PD. Subsequent to the initial scam the scammers even tried to run counterfeit checks through our account. They went to the extent to have fake checks printed. None of these were honored by our bank. After that, Marco received a series of emails, again purporting to be from me, requesting money to be sent out. No money was lost after the initial scam. Since being victimized we have closed our account and opened a new one and placed into force some safeguards against future losses. The whole affair stands for the simple proposition that you can never be over vigilant in protecting yourself.

To the extent that our events are posted with tentative dates watch the CAROC Website for further details. Additionally, we anticipate detailed email blasts to go out in advance of the events.

We are an all-volunteer organization and are always looking for more participation from our members. If you have and idea for an outing or event, let us know. If you have a special skill to contribute, let us know, we need everybody to make it a better group. Please consider offering your service as a board member. **We have not put out our newsletter, *The Sotto Veloce* for several years now and are looking for an editor. If you are willing to take on the task of publishing we definitely want to hear from you.**

Respectfully,

Dennis

